

If You're Looking For Adventure, Thrills, Consult Telephone Book

By ED CREAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Adventure is where you find it. And if that's an old saw, a man named Martin Rodgers has given it new sharpening. He looks for—and finds—adventure in the telephone book.

In the past two years Rodgers, uncle of "South Pacific" composer Richard Rodgers, has thumbed the Manhattan directory from A to Zzyz, Inc., with sometimes startling results.

Among other things, he has found himself:

—sitting in with Chinese musicians who were making the night hideous (to western ears) with strange instruments like the huk'in and the yang-ch'ni;

—dining with New York's homeless, hopeless men at the municipal lodging house;

—helping dispatch tugboats in the New York harbor;

—watching a strange dance in what Albanian men plaster dollar bills on the foreheads of Albanian women. (He still hasn't figured out the story behind that one.)

High School Instructor
Rodgers is a cheerful, pink-faced man with thinning gray hair and humorous wrinkles at the corners of his eyes.

He doesn't look especially like an adventure-hunter. He looks more like a teacher, which he is. He heads the physical education department of Thomas Jefferson High school in Brooklyn.

But this is his story. Let him tell it:

"One night a young lady and I found we had seen all the shows we wanted to see and done all the things New Yorkers are expected to do. We were in the mood for something unusual.

"On an impulse, we opened the phone book and ran down the listings until we came to something interesting.

"It was"—Rodgers smiled at the memory—"the Chinese Musical and Theatrical association.

"We called them up and they were very pleasant. They invited us to come and see them. We did. And we had a wonderful time listening to that weird music."

Plenty Of Adventure
Rodgers and the lady, whose name is Grace Breckenridge, have not lacked adventure since that night. Nor are they likely to with some 623,000 names in the Manhattan book alone.

"Once," Rodgers remembered, "we called the Moran Towing & Transportation Co., which operates most of the tugboats around New York.

"The night dispatcher, 'way up in a building overlooking the harbor, was a fine fellow named Captain Jordan. He said he was lonesome and why didn't we come down.

"We did, and again it was enormous fun. We heard him talk by radio with one boat that was half-way to Egypt on a towing job.

"The captain offered to arrange for us to ride in a tugboat then and there. But it was getting late and we decided we'd do that another time."

One Exception Met
So it has gone with random calls to foreign restaurants, unusual churches, police stations, off-the-beam societies.

"People," Rodgers said, "seem pleased to find out that a stranger is interested in them. With" he added, rather dolefully, "one exception.

"One number turned out to be a society interested in Yoga, the Hindu system of deep concentration.

"They promised to send us their literature but they never did.

"However," said Rodgers, with a look of deep concentration, "I'm going after them again. We have a 100 percent record otherwise, and we're not going to have it spoiled by any Yogis."

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GOING STRONG—Amos Alonzo Stagg (above) celebrates his 81st birthday by mowing his front lawn at Stockton, Calif. This is the 60th year in football for the "Grand Old Man of Football."

House Group Shies At Judgment On Hiring Hall Issue

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A House Labor subcommittee refused Tuesday to pass judgment on a bill to exclude maritime hiring halls from the Taft-Hartley law.

The subgroup sent the measure to the full committee for further study without recommendation.

The bill, by chairman Lesinski (D-Mich.), would amend the Taft-Hartley law by specifying that the closed-shop ban in that act would not apply to seamen's hiring halls.

The hiring halls are set up by the maritime unions to supply union crew members to ship operators.

The maritime unions have fought bitterly against a national labor relations board finding that the hiring halls are illegal under the Taft-Hartley act, when they supply only union seamen.

Last year's maritime strikes grew out of that decision. They were settled by agreement of both sides to abide by an eventual supreme court ruling. In general the hiring halls continue to operate.

Government To Purchase Washington State Pears

SPOKANE, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The government has offered to buy 45 carloads of Bartlett pears to start the federal fruit buying program in Washington state.

The fruit will be used in the school lunch program. Prices are \$2.15 a box for packed and wrapped fruit in standard bear boxes and \$1.60 per apple box of unwrapped pears.

The government will authorize purchases on a weekly basis.

Lady In Black Keeps Date At Crypt Of Valentino

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The "lady in black" kept her annual rendezvous at the crypt of Rudolph Valentino.

Ditra Flame, as has been her custom for years, arrived Tuesday at Hollywood cemetery in her chauffeur-driven car, and placed red roses on the marble slab.

There were dozens of other visitors, mostly curious, to the crypt. Tuesday was the 23rd anniversary of the death of the famous silent screen lover.

Chiang Tries To Head Off Accord With Communists

CANTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Chiang Kai-shek Wednesday flew to Chungking in an apparent attempt to foil any secret agreements between warlords of Szechwan and the communists.

Chiang's flight apparently was one of great urgency. He postponed a meeting of the Kuomintang party's emergency council to make it.

Szechwan's warlords are known to be eager to keep their fences mended at all times. They have been at odds with Chang Chun, commander of the nation-

alists in southwest China. His jurisdiction embraces the provinces of Szechwan, Kweichow, Yunnan and Sikang.

Rumors here are current Chang wishes to resign. Chiang, these rumors say, wishes to prevent this.

The wobbly nationalist situation is threatened from within and without.

In central China the nationalists presented Chiang with reports of successes. Chiang named a new army chief during the

day.

Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, commander in central China, announced his counter-offensive had rolled onto two new victories over the communists on both eastern and western flanks of Hengyang. This is the Hunan province defense bastion 265 miles north of Canton on the Canton-Hankow railway.

Before leaving, Chiang named Gen. Kwan Ling-tsun commander in chief of the army, succeeding Gen. Chang Fa-kwei, Kwa, who has been superinten-

Business Failures Show Increase Within Week

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Business failures increased to 193 in the week ended Aug. 18 from 176 the previous week, Dun & Bradstreet reported.

The figure compared with 94

in the like week last year, 78 in the 1947 week and 253 in the 1939 week, the credit reporting agency said.

Casualties with liabilities of \$5,000 or more rose to 164 from 132 the previous week, while failures involving liabilities under \$5,000 declined to 29 from 44.

Manufacturing failures increased to 61 from 46 the week before, retailing casualties declined to 65 from 92, wholesale and commercial service failures rose and construction failures eased moderately.

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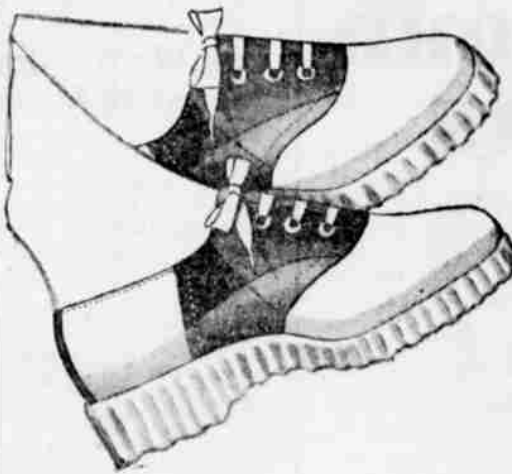
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